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**PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
PLAN FOR SAND HOLLOW STATE PARK**

Salt Lake City - Utah State Parks and Recreation is seeking public comments on a draft resource management plan (RMP) for Sand Hollow State Park through December 31, 2009.

The plan is located for review online at: <http://stateparks.utah.gov/planning>.
Hardcopies may be reviewed at the Utah State Parks Administrative Office at 1594 West North Temple, Suite 116 in Salt Lake City; Sand Hollow State Park; Washington County Library at 36 South 300 West in Hurricane; and Hurricane City Offices at 147 North 870 West in Hurricane.

The draft RMP identifies issues relating to public use, resource management and future development at the park for the next 10 years. A planning team consisting of park users, local citizens, other agency representatives and park managers developed the draft plan through a series of team and public meetings.

Comments will be accepted through December 31, 2009 by:

E-mail to: PLANSCOMMENT@utah.gov

Regular mail to: Utah State Parks: Planning Section
P.O. Box 146001
1594 West North Temple, Suite 116
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6001

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IMPROVEMENTS TO UTAH STATE PARKS ONLINE RESERVATION SYSTEM

Salt Lake City -- Beginning January 2010, Utah State Parks offers a new online reservation system featuring updated site descriptions, campground maps, high quality park photos and the ability to transfer and cancel reservations.

“We are excited about the new system and upgraded features,” commented Utah State Parks Reservation Manager Emily Hearndon. “Using our customers’ suggestions, we made the online reservations site more informative and functional. The call center still offers the same great service, but now offers customers more options.”

In addition to the new system, the reservation cancellation policy has been improved. Customers may now cancel a reservation up to four days in advance, instead of seven days, giving customers more flexibility. Cancellations made four or more days in advance of the scheduled arrival date (14 days for group sites) will receive a refund less the non-refundable reservation fee and a \$5 cancellation fee. Cancellations made less than four days in advance (14 days for group sites) will receive a refund less then non-refundable reservation fee, \$5 cancellation fee and first night camping fee.

The reservation office will be closed January 1 to 19 to implement the new system. No new inventory will open during this time. Reservations for April 29 through May 26 can be made beginning January 28 at 7 a.m.

To make a reservation or for more information, please visit stateparks.utah.gov or call 800-322-3770.

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BOAT SLIP AND DRY STORAGE SILENT AUCTION AND RANDOM DRAW AT JORDANELLE STATE PARK

Heber City – Applications for the Jordanelle State Park boat slip and dry storage silent auction and random draw process are available Tuesday, January 12 online at stateparks.utah.gov or at Jordanelle State Park Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Applications must be submitted in person or by mail and received at the Jordanelle State Park Office by 5 p.m. Friday, February 12. Applications received after 5 p.m. will not be accepted. Notification of successful boat slip recipients will be made Monday, March 1 and posted online.

For more information, please call Jordanelle State Park at (435) 649-9540 or visit stateparks.utah.gov.

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake City – Be aware of carbon monoxide dangers while boating on Utah's waters. Carbon monoxide is a potentially deadly gas produced when carbon-based fuel, such as gasoline, propane, charcoal or oil, burns.

Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless and tasteless, and mixes evenly in the air. It enters the bloodstream through the lungs and displaces oxygen in the body. Do not confuse carbon monoxide poisoning with seasickness, intoxication, or heat or marine stressors.

"If someone on board complains of irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness, or dizziness, immediately move the person to fresh air and seek medical attention if necessary," advises Utah State Parks Boating Program Assistant Manager Chris Haller.

Sources of carbon monoxide on boats include gasoline engines, generators, cooking ranges, and space and water heaters. Cold and poorly tuned engines produce more carbon monoxide than warm, properly-tuned engines. Boat exhaust leaks can cause carbon monoxide poisoning. These leaks can migrate throughout the boat and into enclosed areas. Regular maintenance and proper boat operation can reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

It is illegal to operate a motorboat or have the engine of a motorboat run idle while a person is occupying or holding onto the swim platform, swim deck, swim step, swim ladder or while a person is being towed in a non-standing position within 20 feet of the vessel. These restrictions do not apply when the motorboat is docking, or while persons are entering or exiting the vessel.

For more safe boating tips go to stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT. Utah Boaters...WEAR IT!

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HOLIDAY RATE AVAILABLE FOR JORDANELLE STATE PARK EVENT CENTER

Heber – Host your holiday event, reception or meeting at the Jordanelle State Park Event Center. Facility includes a large reception area overlooking Jordanelle Reservoir with tables, chairs, and kitchenette. A list of local caterers is available upon request.

Event Center fees are \$100 with a two-hour minimum throughout December and January. For more information or to make a reservation, please call (435) 649-9540.

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SCOFIELD STATE PARK HOSTS ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

Huntington – Scofield State Park hosts its fourth annual ice fishing tournament Saturday, January 2. Check-in begins at 7 a.m. and the tournament starts at 7:30 a.m. Registration is \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth 16 and younger.

Door prizes and a prize for the biggest fish will be awarded. Registration is limited to 200 anglers. To register or for more information, please call (435) 687-2491.

Photo: Scofield Ice Fishing Tournament 2008

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